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Dear Cy:

In looking over Bob's very interesting and comprehensive testimony, a copy of which you gave me on Friday, I noted that the opening pages were devoted to discussion of the Soviet military posture and their economic situation. Therefore, I asked Sherman Kent, Chairman of the BNE, to check to see if there were any important differences between Bob's statement and those contained in the recent series of estimates. Attached are his comments and suggestions, mostly which are insignificant, but one or two might suggest slight modifications to his language.

I noted that in forecasting the Soviet forces to 1970, Bob's remarks deal with forces but not with possible weapon systems which the NIE's and the IAP predicted in various degrees of probability. This, plus the absence to reference to Soviet military R&D, may give the reader a somewhat asymmetrical picture. Therefore, a brief paragraph on the several possible Soviet weapon systems developments might be considered.

Yours very truly,

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Attachment: Suggested changes to Secy McNamara's FY 66 Congressional Statement
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Deputy Secretary of Defense
The Pentagon
Washington, D. C.

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